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Delinquent Car Tax Bills Should Be Paid Immediately **Changes to State Program Will Mean Higher Fees**

Residents who are delinquent on their car tax bills are encouraged to pay those bills sooner rather than later. Currently, vehicle owners only pay taxes on 30 percent of the car value on qualifying vehicles. However, due to changes in the Virginia car tax program, effective Sept. 1 — or sooner if state funding runs out — delinquent taxpayers will be required to pay 100 percent of the full car tax on any outstanding balances for prior year taxes.

The Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 provides tax relief on personal property tax on the first \$20,000 of value for qualifying vehicles. The relief can be applied to any passenger car, motorcycle, pickup or panel truck having a registered gross weight of less than 7,501 pounds. The vehicle must be owned or leased by an individual and not used for business purposes.

While car tax reimbursements are still funded in the future, this is no longer true for delinquent tax years 2005 and prior. If residents do not pay outstanding taxes immediately, they will pay significantly more once the state funding expires.

To pay online or for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. For questions over the phone, call the Department of Tax Administration at 703-222-8234, TTY 703-222-7594.

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